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## MOBS RIOTING IN MEXICO

Following Leaving of City of At. Mob Rule is in Order.—Communi- cation With Outside World Cut Off For Twelve Days.

Dispatches received by courier, and published in metropolitan papers Thursday indicate that mobs are rioting in the City of Mexico, and that all order has been thrown to the four winds and that chaos reigns. The army of Zapata has been withdrawn from the city to meet the forces of Carranza, which are preparing to make an attack on the city, and it is feared that the big part of the fight may be pulled off in the streets of the city.

The Zapata garrison is poorly equipped with arms and ammunition and numbers about 25,000 men, while the attacking Carranza army is equally as large and well equipped. Additional forces are going from Vera Cruz to assist the attacking army.

The U. S. government has been officially notified of conditions, and while it is not known whether foreigners are safe, it will probably be decided that this government take steps to protect neutrals in the Mexican capital in event of a battle in the streets of the city.

## RAILROADS APPEAL FROM DURANT DEPOT ORDER

Refer to Order As a Satisfaction of The Citizens of Durant.—Claim Present Depot Is Adequate For Traveling Public.

What seemed to be the end of the Durant Union Depot controversy in the order of the Corporation Commission made last week for construction of a building to cost approximately \$34,000, now promises to be but the beginning of more contention on the part of the railroads in the courts. The Frisco and the Katy have filed with the Corporation Commission a petition for a rehearing, which is taken to be the predicate for an appeal to the Supreme Court. The order of the Commission was that plans be submitted according to the outline of the order by July 13, and that the building be constructed by January 1, 1916. In the application for a rehearing the railroads set forth twenty-four specific allegations and arguments. They assert that the order is unjust and illegal. One paragraph of the petition is as follows:

"There is now and has been for several years past a general financial stringency, and especially as far as railroads are concerned over the entire country, which promises to continue for an indefinite period, and during this stringency it has and will be far more difficult to raise money for railway purposes than it has been for years prior thereto. Therefore, an order made during this time of financial stringency requiring the building of any more depots along the railway lines of these defendants is far more burdensome than if made at times when the general finances were more prosperous and money easier to raise, and such order as this forces the diversion of money of these railways from necessary repair and maintenance which are properly connected with the safe operation of their passenger and freight trains to the building of a new depot at Durant in lieu of the present existing depot, which is accommodating all of the needs of the present passenger traffic at that place, especially when such new depot is simply a fancy showhouse, built not to satisfy the needs and requirements of the traveling public, but to satisfy the selfish vanity of those citizens of Durant active in this matter."

## CHAUTAUQUA CLOSED

Durant's third annual Chautauqua closed Monday with a musical number and an address by Congressman Aswell of Louisiana, after having given ten separate programs, two each day for five days, commencing last Thursday. The numbers presented this year were, as an average, far better than at any former chautauqua in Durant, and the reception given them was excellent, the tent being crowded to capacity every afternoon and night. The Redpath-Horner people, of Kansas City, run three hundred chautauques every summer and know their business. They have taken a small loss in Durant every year, but that loss grows less each year and they express themselves as intending to return again next summer.

## \$60,000 LAND DEALS CLOSED

Atwood Risner Sold 1190 Acres of Choice Red River Bottom Land Last Week.—Sold in Four Separate Tracts.

Atwood Risner has sold just eleven hundred and ninety acres of choice Red River bottom land the past few days for total considerations said to be \$60,000, closing up the biggest realty deals that have been made here in several years. The places sold were: 160 acres to Crayton L. Davis, who already owned a fine farm adjoining; 300 acres to Bud Risner, a son of Mr. A. C. Risner, he buying land adjoining land he already owned; 410 acres to Joe Lloyd and others of Bennington; 320 acres to E. F. Rines, T. J. Perkins, and Forrest Johnson. The Risner land is considered among the finest in Bryan County, and has been eagerly sought after. It is understood that all of this land will be parceled out to farmers who want to buy homes. Mr. Risner and Frank Lewis still own another big tract of land on the river, which Mr. Risner says is not for sale.

## LIVE STOCK MARKET

Kansas City Stock Yards, June 30. Monday's cattle supply fell short of the estimate of 11,000, by 1700 head. This proved a strong feature today, with 1000 on sale, and prices were steady to 15 higher. The first of the Clinton County, Missouri, summer crop of steers, arrived, and sold at 9.00 to 9.40, the top price paid for two loads weighing 1592 lbs. This district cuts a big figure in furnishing prime beef cattle during the summer at this market, and the opening sales today were very satisfactory to owners. Mixed yearlings sold 10 higher, up to 9.50; bulk of native fed steers at 8.40 to 9.00. Butcher grades sold strong to 10 higher; the choice cows up to 7.75. Several lots of fed Colorados arrived and sold at 8.60 to 9.05, and eight loads of westerns from the Scotts Bluff, Nebraska, district, sold at 9.00, 1290 lbs. average; six load of these sold in St. Joseph at 8.85 today. A train of Idaho fed westerns sold at 8.25. In the quarantine division 62 carloads arrived, following a run of 148 cars there Monday. South Texas grassers sold at 7.35 and 7.40, weighing about 1000 lbs.; cake fed steers of middle class brought 7.50, 1000 to 1100 lbs. average, and two cars of Oklahoma Old Mexico 7.15, 922 lbs. average. Buyers cannot conceal the latent strength of the beef cattle market, and the good prospects are stimulating demands for fleshy feeders, for a quick finish. Some of this class sold at 8.55 today. Bulk of the stockers and feeders sold at 7.00 to 7.50, a few common cattle around 6.50. Hogs sold 5 lower today, receipts 15000 head. Demand was ample to take everything, packers coming in strong on the late market and paying within 2 1/2 cents of the top price, which was 7.55. Bulk of sales ranged from 7.40 to 7.52 1/2. Heavy hogs sell about 5 cents under middle and light weights. Stock of products are nothing disposed of to any great extent, and continue a burden to killers, taxing storage room at killing centers. A better movement of cured meats and especially lard, is expected, which will help the live hog trade. Sheep and lambs sold 15 to 25 lower today, following an advance of fully that much yesterday. Receipts were 6000 head, including several large strings of Arizona spring lambs, these selling at \$10; native spring lambs at the same figure; some Texas yearlings at 6.25; native ewes forth around 5.25. Buyers paid the advance yesterday under protest, and a further break in the prices is expected this week.

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## TO AID FEDERAL PRISONERS

Attorney General Gregory has returned to Washington, after an investigation of the federal prison at Atlanta, Ga., and as a result of his visit gave the following expression: "Our great trouble with the present prison system is that the families of the prisoners often suffer to a greater degree than the convict. If we can put prisoners to work making something for the Federal Government which will not enter into competition with free labor, we can then give the families some of their earnings. The system has been tried and proved successful in some State institutions."

## WORST THUNDER STORM YET

The worst electrical storm that Durant has seen in many years struck here Wednesday night just before the shower of rain that fell early in the morning. For perhaps an hour one lightning flash followed another in rapid succession, the second flash coming before the crash of thunder from the first had died away, and time after time the flashes came so close together that the thunder following each was blended into one long roar. Many people of the town thought that a cyclone had struck, or was coming, and got up to investigate.

## NEW COUNTY SUPERINTENDENT

On Tuesday, July 6, Robert K. McIntosh will be sworn in as County Superintendent of Bryan County. The superintendent and the county treasurer are the only two officers who do not take their office in January. These two take charge of their offices the first Tuesday in July. Mr. McIntosh has announced that he will appoint Seth Shumake as his deputy. Mr. Shumake is a well known school man of Bennington.

## SUP. WILSON VISITED DURANT

State Superintendent H. H. Wilson visited the Durant Normal School Thursday morning, and made a short talk to the faculty and the students during the chapel hour at ten o'clock. Mr. Wilson arrived over the morning Frisco from Ardmore and left on the north-bound Flyer to go to Ada to visit the Normal at that place. Mr. Wilson is making visits at this time to all state schools under the jurisdiction of the State Board of Education. Quite a number of the business people of Durant attended the Normal during Mr. Wilson's visit.

## STREET CLEANING CONTRACT

At a meeting of the City Council Friday night John Price was awarded the contract for cleaning the paved streets of the city at a figure of \$143.00 a month. The contract is to become effective July 1st. The bids filed were as follows: W. E. Williams \$160, A. N. Wynne \$170, J. W. Price \$143, A. B. Ward \$149, W. A. Webster \$200, S. J. Jackson \$300, Jack Culwell \$185, J. O. Johnson \$150.

## MULE VESSEL IS TORPEDOED

German Submarine Sinks British Transport, and Twenty Americans Lost Their Lives When the Vessel Went to the Bottom.

Another incident that strains the relations between this country and Germany occurred this week when the German submarine, U-28, torpedoed and sank the liner Armenian, which flew the British flag and carried a cargo of mules intended for the English, and in which twenty Americans lost their lives.

The information that this government so far has in the matter is unofficial, but is thought to be correct. Whether or not the submarine sunk the vessel without warning and before searching is not known. Nor is it known whether or not the vessel sunk was listed as a transport or carried guns. The vessel was en route to Liverpool and was sunk off the coast of Cornwall.

Mules are listed as contraband of war, and it is contended that if the vessel was warned and asked to stop and refused, that the submarine had every right to torpedo the vessel. If the vessel was a British transport, engaged in carrying munitions of war, the Americans killed when she sank embarked at their own risk, and the Germans are not held responsible for their deaths.

## NEW SYSTEM OF ACCOUNTING

Thursday the State of Oklahoma commenced a new system of accounting which it is believed will stop leaks in many departments of the government. This is the system that was promised by Governor Williams in his campaign and which he has since urged. Under the new system comparative reports will be made to the Governor each month showing the costs of the several departments and institutions. A check between officers is being attempted in the reports, for which forms have been provided. An inventory of the property owned by the State is contemplated to be made as a basis for bookkeeping under some of the new forms and an appraisal of such property will also be made by the State Board of Affairs. The State Auditor will keep property accounts against all departments of the State. Under one of the new laws the State Auditor will be charged with checking all expenditures in a manner much more accurate than in the past. A preliminary to this is found in the requirement that the original contract for each expenditure of funds shall be filed with State Auditor at once upon its execution.

## LOCAL TENNIS PLAYERS

### INVITED TO WICHITA

The News has received the following:

Tennis players of Durant, Oklahoma, are invited to participate in the first annual Kansas-Oklahoma Tennis Tournament, to be held at Wichita July 12-15. Match play to start at noon, Monday, July 12, and the finals will be completed Thursday afternoon. Any resident of Kansas or Oklahoma will be permitted to play and there will be a nominal entry fee. Twelve cups will be given for the winners in singles and doubles, in the finals and consolation. These will become the permanent property of the winners.

In all probability the tournament will be made an annual affair, and winners this year will be given a leg on the permanent cup. Board and room can be secured for players at the low rate of \$1.25 per day, at the Y. M. C. A. There will be free regular automobile service between the courts and the Y. M. C. A. building, where there are lockers, shower bath and swimming pool. Entertainment will be provided for the players each evening during their stay in Wichita.—R. E. Black, 329 Beacon Building, Wichita, Kansas.

## NIGGER KILLED AT OBERLIN

A nigger by the name of Lindley was killed Sunday at Oberlin by a shot from a pistol, the ball entering his abdomen. Death resulted in a few hours. The report was received here that he had been murdered and Sheriff Phillips and Deputy Wright went to see about it Tuesday, and found that the shooting had been accidental. Before he died the boy told that he and Dude Ralback had been fooling with a pistol and that it was accidentally discharged, the ball entering his abdomen. Ralback told the same story.

## INDIAN AGENCY LOCATES HERE

District Office Formerly at Madill to do Business Out of Durant.—H. S. LeCroy is to be Clerk in Charge. Office in Downen Building.

An order made by Gabo E. Parker, Superintendent of the Five Civilized Tribes of Indians, at Muskogee, changes the office of the district agency, in charge of Bryan and several other counties, from Madill to Durant, effective July first.

Mr. H. S. LeCroy, clerk in charge of the agency offices, has been here for the past two days making arrangements to move the office here and has secured quarters on the second floor of the Downen building, over the Perkins Bros.' store.

The district agency handles a world of Indian business and oversees all business pertaining to the Choctaw and Chickasaw in the five counties comprising this district, and the moving of the office to this city will undoubtedly bring lots of business to Durant.

## OKLAHOMA GAS WASTE VIEWED WITH ALARM

Corporation Commission Sees There May Be Exhaustion in the Near Future.

As a result of the hearings of Oklahoma, Tulsa and Bartlesville, held by the Corporation Commission with reference to waste of natural gas, and of the investigations made by J. E. York, conservation agent of the Commission, members of that body are inclined to view with alarm the prospect of an early dearth of gas in this State. The waste of natural gas in the Cushing field has been prodigious. An estimate by Commissioner Henshaw is that no more than ten per cent of the gas has been saved in that field.

The new law, which is to be enforced through orders to be made by the Commission in pursuance of the present investigation, was designed to save gas. It is a big job for the Commission and it will require careful attention to details if its object be attained. It is in the oil wells that the chief waste of gas is found. Drilling in a manner to conserve the gas in its own strata is slower and more expensive than drilling in the ordinary manner. There is no money in gas to the oil man. It is a nuisance and sometimes to let it escape makes it possible to produce much oil, whereas to conserve the gas in some big gassers would be to abandon the wells as producers of oil.

A popular guess by one member of the Corporation Commission is that in three or four years there will be no supply of gas in the Oklahoma fields, if the present waste is not checked. That the gas will disappear in a short time, even when conserved, is practically certain, as that has been the history of all gas fields. Conservation will make it last longer, it is urged.

Visions of the coal scuttle and the coal smokestack the kindling of fires ought to help public sentiment to the side of the Corporation Commission in its efforts to save the gas.

## COURT COMMISSION AT WORK

The District Judge Members of the Sixth Division Get Assignment of Cases.

Members of the sixth division of the Supreme Court Commission have this week been in Oklahoma City for their assignments of records in appealed cases to be considered in their spare time in their judicial districts. Judge Jesse M. Hatchett of Durant is a member of this division of the Commission. With the addition of the sixth division to the Commission the Supreme Court has now twenty-three justices working to reduce the docket that has grown to such proportions as to make it a grave problem whether the court could ever catch up with its work.

## ENFORCE POOL HALL

### LAW ANYWAY

The attorney general of Texas has instructed officers to enforce the law against pool halls in the forbidden districts, regardless of the fact that the Texas Supreme Court decided the law unconstitutional. In his instruction the attorney general says that the Criminal Court of Appeals, and not the Supreme Court, is the high tribunal to determine the criminal features of the law.

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# Colossal July Clearance SALE

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A copy will be put in every home in Durant and Bryan County

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